THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No Sir The utilization of foreign exchange reserves to fund infrastructure projects is one of the possible options but no concrete plan has peen finalized.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Plans for Groundwater

1544. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)whetherthe Planning Commission has drawn a plan for conservation, augmentation, exploration and regulation of the groundwater in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps expected to be taken by the State and the Central Governments and the local bodies iathis regard; and

(d) how far the average groundwater level has gone down during the Ninth Plan and Tenth Plan period so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Water being a State subject, the planning, funding and development of water resources is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. The National Water Policy (2002) has advocated periodic reassessment of the groundwater potential, regulation of exploitation of ground water resources so as not to exceed the recharging possibilities and conjunctive use of surface and ground water resources. The Central Ground Water Board under the Ministry ^ VVater Resources is assisting the State Governments in survey, planning and development of ground water resources, monitoring of groundwater levels and providing technical guidance to them and the local bodies for artificial recharge techniques. The Central Ground Water Authority has been constituted under the Environment (Protection) Act, (1986) to regulate indiscriminate boring and withdrawal of groundwater in the country and issue necessary regulatory directions with a view to preserve and protect the groundwater The Central

Government has also circulated a model bill to the States to regulate and develop gittundwater resources. So far, the Governments of Andhna Pradesh, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Lakshwadeep, Pondicherry and Kerala have enacted legislation in this regard.

(d) Thfs decline in groundwater level during pre-monsoon period during last 10 years (199&—2004), Statewise, is given in the Statement.

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Parts ofDistnois showing decline in water levels during Pre-Monsoon period during last 10 years (1995-2004)

SI. No.	Statfi	Districts showing declining trends (more than 20 cm. Per year)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad, Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, ESst Godavari, Guntur, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammarn, Krishna, Kurnool, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nellore, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Ranga Reddy, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Warangal, West Godavari
2.	Assjim	Joriiat, Nagaon, Sonitpur
3.	Bihar	Bhagalpur, East Champaran, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Navada, Saharsa, Saran
4.	Chhatisgarh	Bastar, Bilaspur, Dhamtari, Durg, Janjgir-Champa, Kanker, Kawardah, Koriya, Mahasamund, Raigarii Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Surguja
5.	I3elhi	New Delhi, North West, South West
6.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Amreli, Banashkantha, Bhamch, Bhavnagar, Dangs, Gandhinagar, Jamnagar, Junagarh, Kheda, Kutch, Mehsana, Panchmahai, Rajkot, Sabarkantha, Surat, Surendranagar, Vadodara, Valsad
7.	Haryana	Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Fatehabad, Gurgaon, Hissar, Jhajjar, Jind, Kaithal, Kamal, Kurukshetra, Mahendragarh, Panipat, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa, Sonipat
8.	Himiacha! Pradesh	Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Sirmur,Solan, Una

SI. No.	State	Districts showirg declining trends (more than 20 cm. Per year)
9.	Jharkhand	Dhanbad, Dumka, Hazaribagh, Lohardaga Pachhim Singhbhum, Palamu, Purvi Singhbhum, Ranchi
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu, Kathua, Rajouri, Udhampur
11.	Kamataka	Bagalkot, Bangalore, Belgaum, Beliary, Bihdar, Bijapur, Chamrajnagar, Chikmagalour, Chitradurga, Coorg, Dakshin Kannada, Dharwad, Gadag, Gulbarga, Hassan, Kaveri, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Mysore, Raichur, Shimoga, Tumkur, Uddupi, Uttar Kannada
12.	Kerala	Idduki, Kanoor, Kasargod, Kollam, Kottayam, Malluram, Palakkad, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Wayanad
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani, Balaghat, BetuI, Bhind, Bopal, Chhatarpur, Chhindwara, Damoh, Datia, Dewas, Dhar, Dindhori,.Guna, Gwalbr, Harda, Hoshangabad, Indore, Jabalpur, Jhabua, Katni, Khandwa, Mandsaur, Morena, Mandia, Narsinghpur, Neemuch, Panna, Raisen, Rajgarti, Ratlam, Rewa, Sagar, Satna, Sehore, Seoni, Shahdol, Shajapur, Sheopur, Shivpuri, SkJhi, Takamgarti, Ujjain, Umaria, Vidisha, WestNimar
14.	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar, Akola, Amravati, Aurangabad, Beed, Bhandara, BukJana, Chandrapur, Dhule, Gadchiroli, Gondia, Hingoii, Jalgaon, Jalna, Kolhapur, Lature, Mumbal, Nagpur, Nanded, Nandurbar, Nashik, Osmanabad, Parbhanj, Pune, Raigad, Ratnagin, Sangli Satara, Sindhudurg, Solapur, Thane, Wardha, Washim, Yavatmal
15.	Orlssa	Angul, Baleshwar, Bargarh, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Jaipur, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Koraput, Kendujhaar, Mayurbhanj, Nawapara, Phulbani, Puri, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sundargarh

SI. No.	State	Districts showing declining trends (more than 20 cm. Per year)
16.	F'unjab	Amritsar, Bhatinda, Faridkot, Fatehgarh, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Karpurthala, Ludhiana, Mansa, Moga, Nawashahar, Patiala, Ropar, Sangrur
17.	Rajajithan	Ajmer, Alwar, Banswara, Baran, Barmer, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Bundi, Chittorgarh, Churu, Dausa, Dholpur, Dungarpur, Hanumangarti, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jatore, Jhalwar, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Karauli, Kota, Nagaur, Pali, Rajsamand, Sawaimadhopur, Sikar, Sirohi, Tonk, Udaipur
18.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Oindigul, Erode, Kancheepuram, Kanyakumari, Karaikal, Karur, Madurai, Namakkal, Milgiri, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivaganga, Thanjavur, Theni Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, ThiruvaHur, Timvannamaiai, Tutucorin, Vellore, Vellupuram, Virudhanagar
19.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra, Aligarh, Allahabad, Auraiya, Azamgarti, Badaur, Baghpat, Ballia, Bijnor, Chandauli, Chitrakoot Deoria, Etawah, Fatehpur, Gautam Budh Nagar, Ghaziabad, Gonda, Hamirpur, Hathras, Jalaun, Jhansi, Kanpur, Dehat, Kanpur Nagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Lalitpur, Lucknow, Mahoba, Mathura, Meerut, Mirzapur, Pratapgarh, Saharanpur, Sitapur, Sultanpur, Unpao
20	Uttarcinchal	Dehradun, Haridwar
21	West Bengal	Bankura, Birbhum, Haora, Hugli, East Medinipur, Malda, Murshidabad, Puruliya, South Twenty four Parganas, West Medinipur
22	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
23	PonJicherry	Pondicherry